

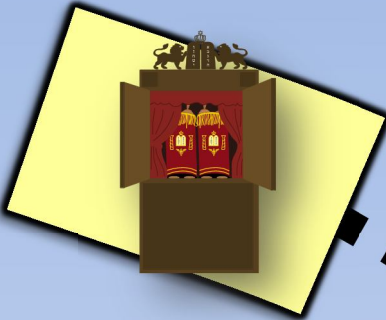
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מסכת תענית דרטו

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Inside the Daf

In a time of drought, the community undergoes three sets of fasts. The first two sets have 3 fasts each and the last set has 7 fasts. Today we discuss what was done during the last 7 fasts.

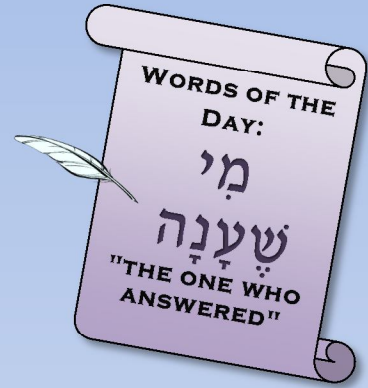


The Ark from the synagogue, with a Torah inside, is brought into the town square. Ashes are put on top.



the last **7** fast days

Ashes are placed on the heads of the **גבאי** (Head of Supreme Court), **בית דין** (Chief of the Court), and then the public.



The prayer leader stands in front of the Ark. He should have children but no food. This way his heart will be completely in his prayers.



Did You Know...

רבי נחמן בר יצחק says, in the Next World not everyone will be worthy of receiving light and not everyone will be worthy of happiness. The righteous will merit light and upright people will merit happiness.

The prayer leader says 24 blessings when he repeats the **שמונה עשרה** (18 blessings from the week plus an extra 6 for the fast day)



The 6 Extra Prayers

On the seven final fast days, the prayer leader adds an extra six blessings to the שמונה עשרה prayer (see pg. 51).

In these six blessings, we ask Hashem to answer our prayers the way He answered the prayers of our ancestors in their times of need. The prayer leader mentions seven cases of Hashem answering our ancestors. (In addition to the six cases mentioned below, Hashem also answered kings דוד (David) and שלמה (Solomon) when they prayed for an end to famine and when the first Temple was dedicated.



Hashem who answered אברהם (Abraham) on Mt. Moriah, sparing יצחק (Isaac) from being slaughtered



Hashem answered our ancestors at the ים סוף (Sea of Reeds) by splitting it and redeeming the Israelites



Hashem answered יהושע (Joshua) when he was camped in Gilgal and collapsed the walls of the city of Jericho



The prophet שמואל (Samuel) was answered at מצפה where he prayed to Hashem to save Israel from the attacking Philistines



Hashem answered the prophet אליהו (Elijah) when he prayed on Mt. Carmel for fire to come down from heaven and consume a sacrifice



Hashem answered יונה (Jonah), rescuing him after he was swallowed by the great fish

A מְדוּת Moment

The boys couldn't stop laughing. Their classmate, Benny had always been much smaller than the rest of the class, so it looked really funny whenever he tried to reach something on a high shelf. Especially on a day like today when he had to stand on a chair and stand on his tip-toes to reach something all the other boys could without even trying.

But when Benny feel flat on his face, the boys couldn't control their laughter.

"Hey, Benny," laughed one of his classmates, "having a *little* problem?"

"Looks like you came out *short*," laughed another.

"Very funny!" cried Benny. "Don't you know I don't like it when you make fun of my height?"

"But you *always* make fun of yourself for being small, so why can't we?"

"The מגילת says that one who is embarrassed by his own hand is a lot easier to take than being embarrassed by someone else," said Benny. "Just because someone humiliates himself, it doesn't give others a right to humiliate him."

Games

Find The Differences

Find 10 differences between the two pictures.



Review Questions – תענית דף ט"ו

1. On the final seven public fast days, what do we bring into the street?

2. Name two ancestors whose prayers Hashem answered.

3. In the Next World, who will merit light and who will merit happiness?